

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Ooltewah High School Band on its performance at the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those Tennessee educational institutions that seek to serve their respective communities while also excelling in academics, athletic competition, and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, Ooltewah High School is most assuredly an important part of this State's educational community; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2013, the Ooltewah High School Marching Band performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in front of thousands of live spectators and a television audience of over forty million; and

WHEREAS, the Ooltewah High School Band has a long history of excellence, having received numerous honors, a seven time Band of America Grand National Semi-Finalist Band, performances for President Ronald Reagan, President George H. W. Bush, and Vice President Dan Quayle, appearances at the 1992 and 1998 Sugar Bowls, and previously appearing at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Ooltewah High School Band has been under the direction of Mr. Joel L. Denton for the past thirty-two years; his appreciable dedication and talent, along with that of his staff, Alex Ford, Paul Smith, James Smith, Matt Wesson, Timothy Cook, Adam Miller, Alex Denton, Tyler Edrington, Heather Hall, and Tracy Coats the principal, Jim Jarvis and the support of the parents and the community have raised the Ooltewah High School Band to national prominence; and

WHEREAS, the Ooltewah High School Band's members excel in academics and community involvement, performing in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and mentoring middle school band members; and

WHEREAS, the Ooltewah High School Band's performance in the great American tradition of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is a reflection of the school's mission to enable young people to excel in academics, extra-curricular activities, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it fitting to pause and applaud the achievements of the Ooltewah High School Band, which inspires pride in every Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and applaud the directors and members of the Ooltewah High School Band, their friends and parents, and the entire Ooltewah community for their nationally recognized excellence and congratulate them on their performance at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 28, 2013,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.